

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In the application of** : James Alexander Sharpe  
**Serial No.** : 10/518,307  
**Filed** : September 26, 2005  
**For** : TREATMENT OF TISSUE SPECIMENS  
**Examiner** : Brenda A. Lamb  
**Art Unit** : 1792  
**Customer number** : 23644  
**Confirmation No.** 6671

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 5, 2009**

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of February 5, 2009, it is requested that the application be amended as follows: